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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk and Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of Residential  
Energy Efficient Appliances and Devices Program  
Docket No. 2022-41-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am filing this letter on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (the “Company”) to seek protection, due to pre-existing conflicts, for the following dates as related to a hearing to be scheduled in the above-referenced docket:

- March 24, 2022
- March 28 through April 1, 2022
- May 6, 2022
- May 11 through May 18, 2022
- June 7 through June 9, 2022

In order to expedite resolution of the Company’s application, and in order to expeditiously pass along to customers the benefits associated with the Commission’s approval of the application, the Company requests that a hearing be scheduled as promptly as possible. To that end, I would note that Order No. 2022-117 did not require the issuance of notice to customers, and that in other proceedings the Clerk’s Office has previously posted notice to the docket rather than require the time-consuming process of sending out bill inserts to customers. *See, e.g.,* Notice of Hearing, Docket Nos. 2021-143-E & 2021-144-E (July 27, 2021).<sup>1</sup> Finally, while the Company does not expect this matter to be contested, the Company acknowledges that S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-320(A) requires at least thirty days’ notice prior to a hearing in a contested case.

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<sup>1</sup> While not preferred given the amount of time needed, if notice to customers is required, the Company would need at least 55 days to provide notice to customers through a bill insert.

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With these parameters in mind, the Company proposes that a hearing be held in this docket the week of April 11, 2022 or April 18, 2022, that any testimony be pre-filed prior to the hearing, and that notice be posted to the docket at least thirty days prior to the hearing date.

Kind regards,



Sam Wellborn

Attachments

cc: Andrew Bateman, ORS (via email)